



Safe Passage

# Water Safety Adventure Activity Book



U.S. Army Corps  
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Topher's  
Compass

Find the four compasses inside this book,  
cut them out and paste them here to complete your ...

Wanda's  
Compass

*Certificate of*  
*Safe Passage*

Completed by:

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Master Water Riddle Solver

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Scully's  
Compass

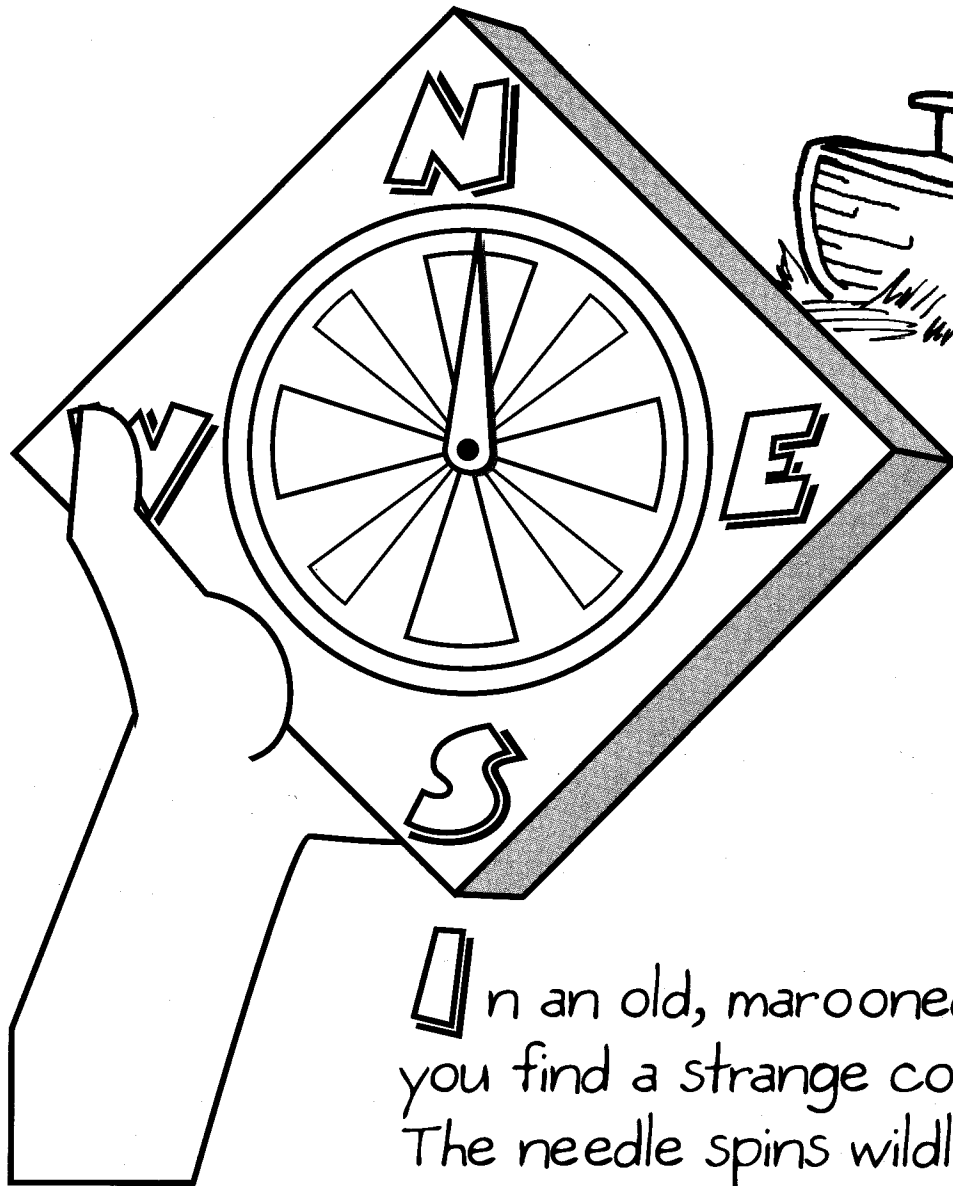


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Sam's  
Compass

# THE ADVENTURE BEGINS ... AGAIN!



In an old, marooned boat  
you find a strange compass.  
The needle spins wildly ... and then —



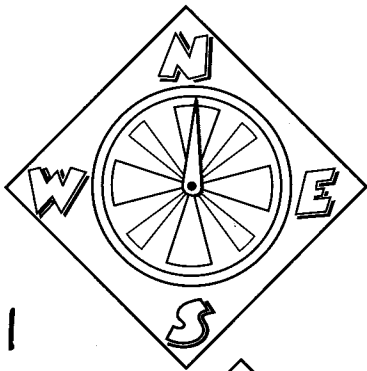


Hey! There you are!  
We've been waiting for you!

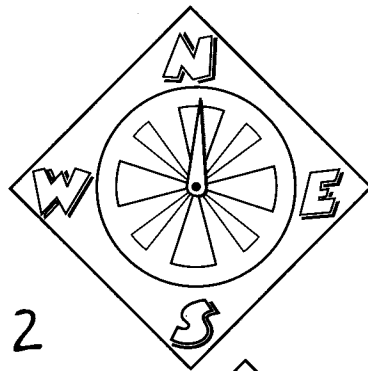
I'm Jason, and this is my sister,  
Holly. We're going to help you  
get a Safe Passage!

The Magic Compass  
zaps you to a cabin  
in the woods  
where you meet  
two new friends.

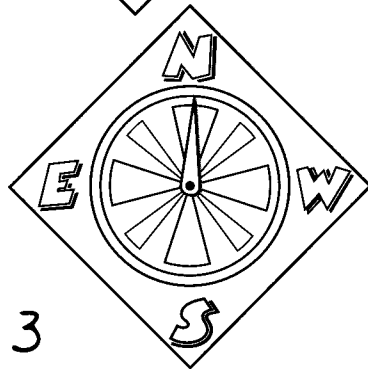




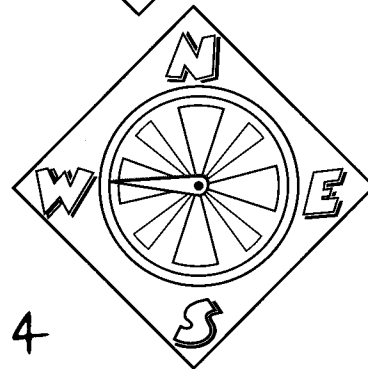
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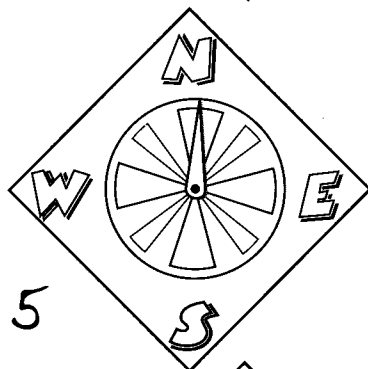
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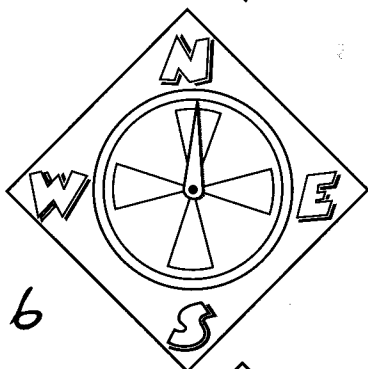
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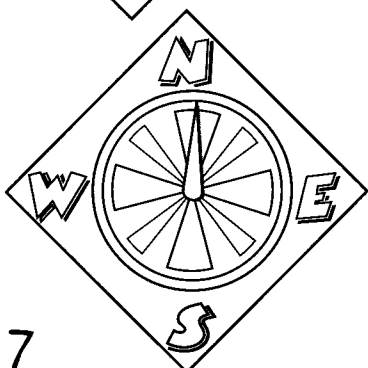
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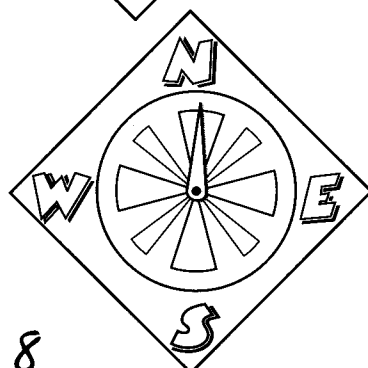
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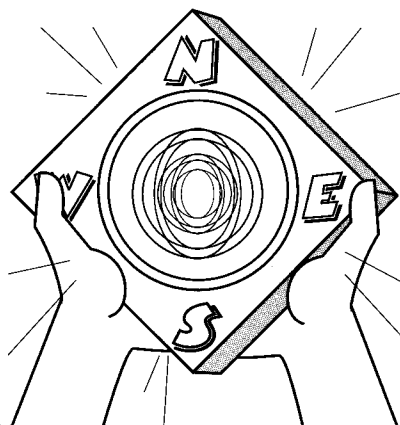
## Find the Match

Only two  
compasses  
are identical.  
Can you  
find them?

Hang on to  
that compass,  
things move  
fast around  
here!

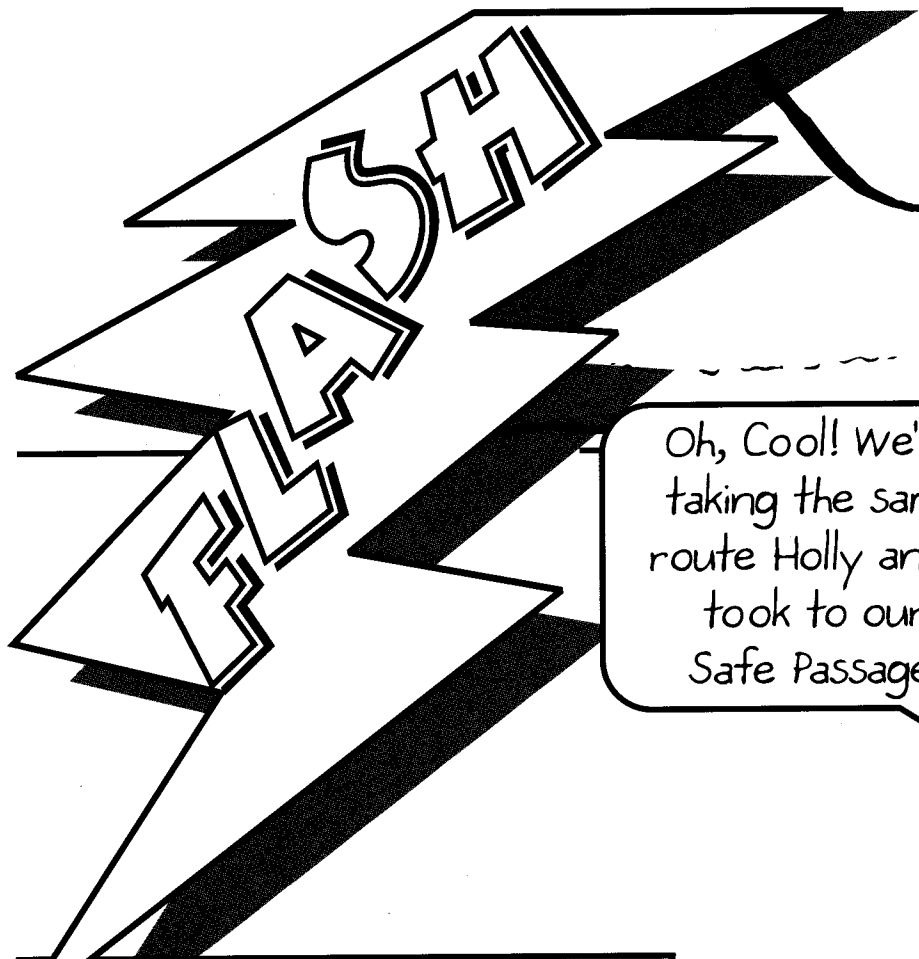


## The Compass Reveals a Riddle



"Water, water in a brook,  
Flows from mountains  
to the sea.  
Keep your compass  
close at hand  
And take a safety trip  
with me.





Oh, Cool! We're taking the same route Holly and I took to our Safe Passage!

... but if this is the same beach, then where is ...

Dudes!

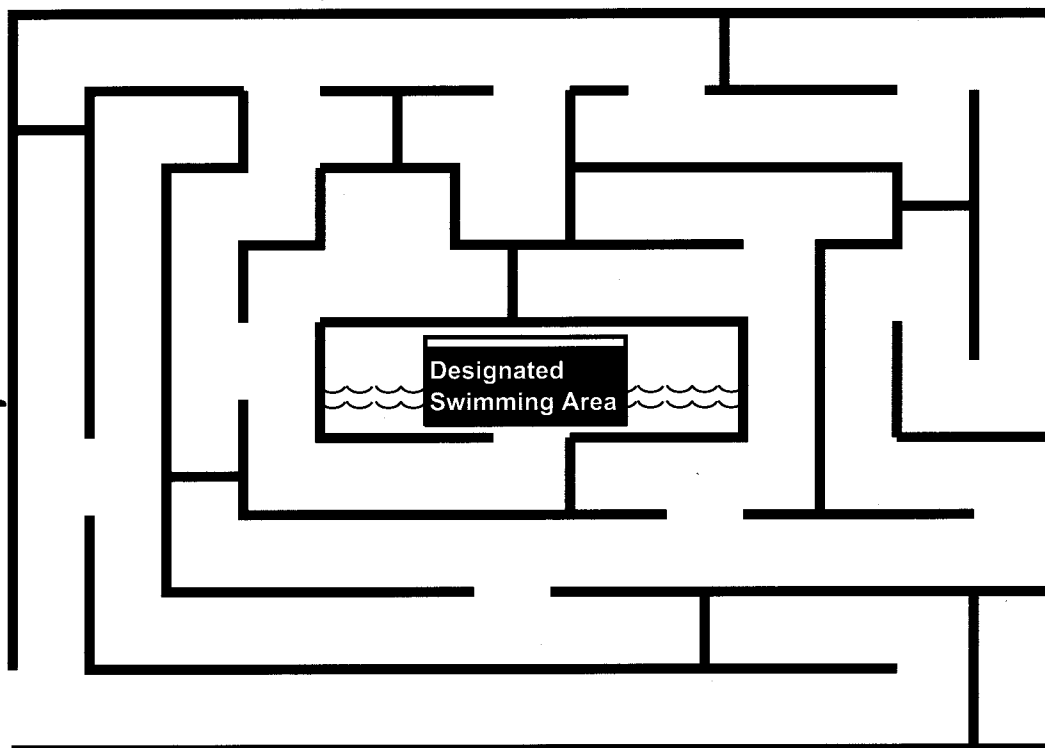
In the wink of an eye the compass zaps you to a beautiful but deserted beach.



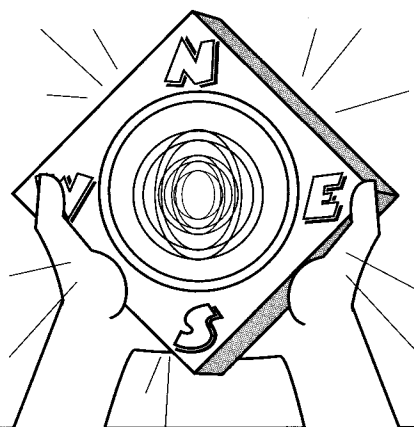
Greetings, friend of Jason and Holly,  
I am Topher! Do you know  
the rules where water meets sand?



Find the way to the safe swimming spot



## The Compass Reveals a Riddle



"Water, water in lake  
Shallow warm  
or deep and cold?  
So much fun  
a swim to take  
And keep the rules  
that we've been told."



Color these pictures from Jason and Holly's family album



## SWIMMING RULES

- A. Learn to swim.
- B. Always swim with a buddy.
- C. Swim in a designated area.
- D. Make sure an adult watches you.
- E. Wear a life jacket and stay in shallow water if you can't swim.
- F. Never jump or dive into unknown waters.



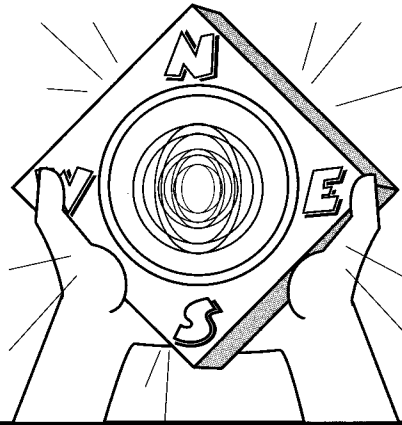
and pick the water safety rule that goes with the photo.



You two again? Oh, I see!  
Hi, I'm Wanda. Let me show  
you how water power works.

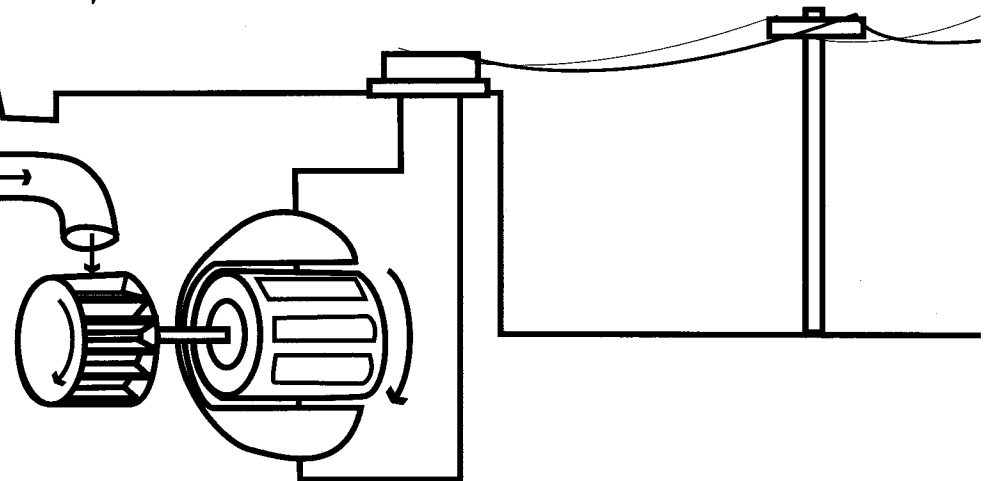


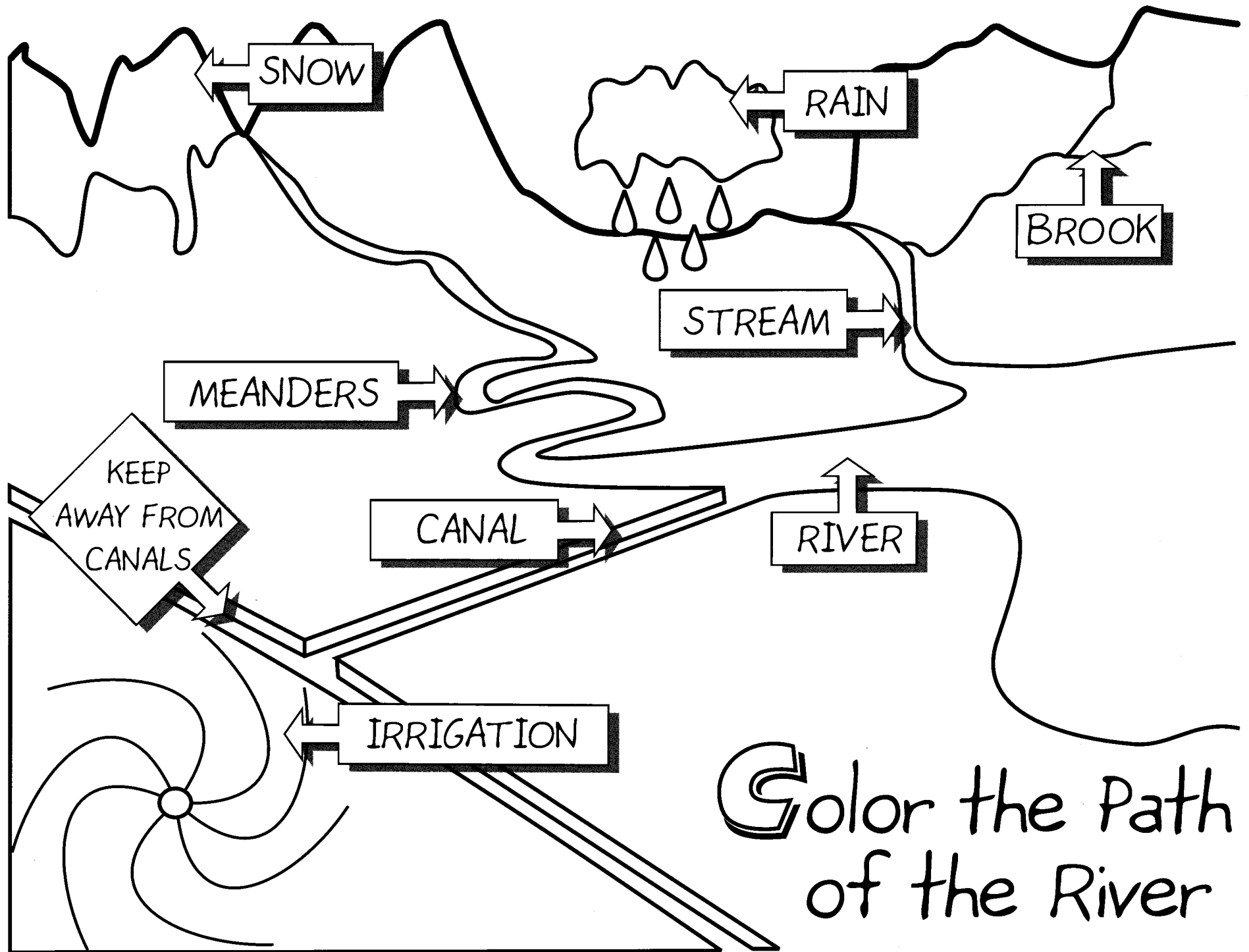
## The Compass Reveals a Riddle



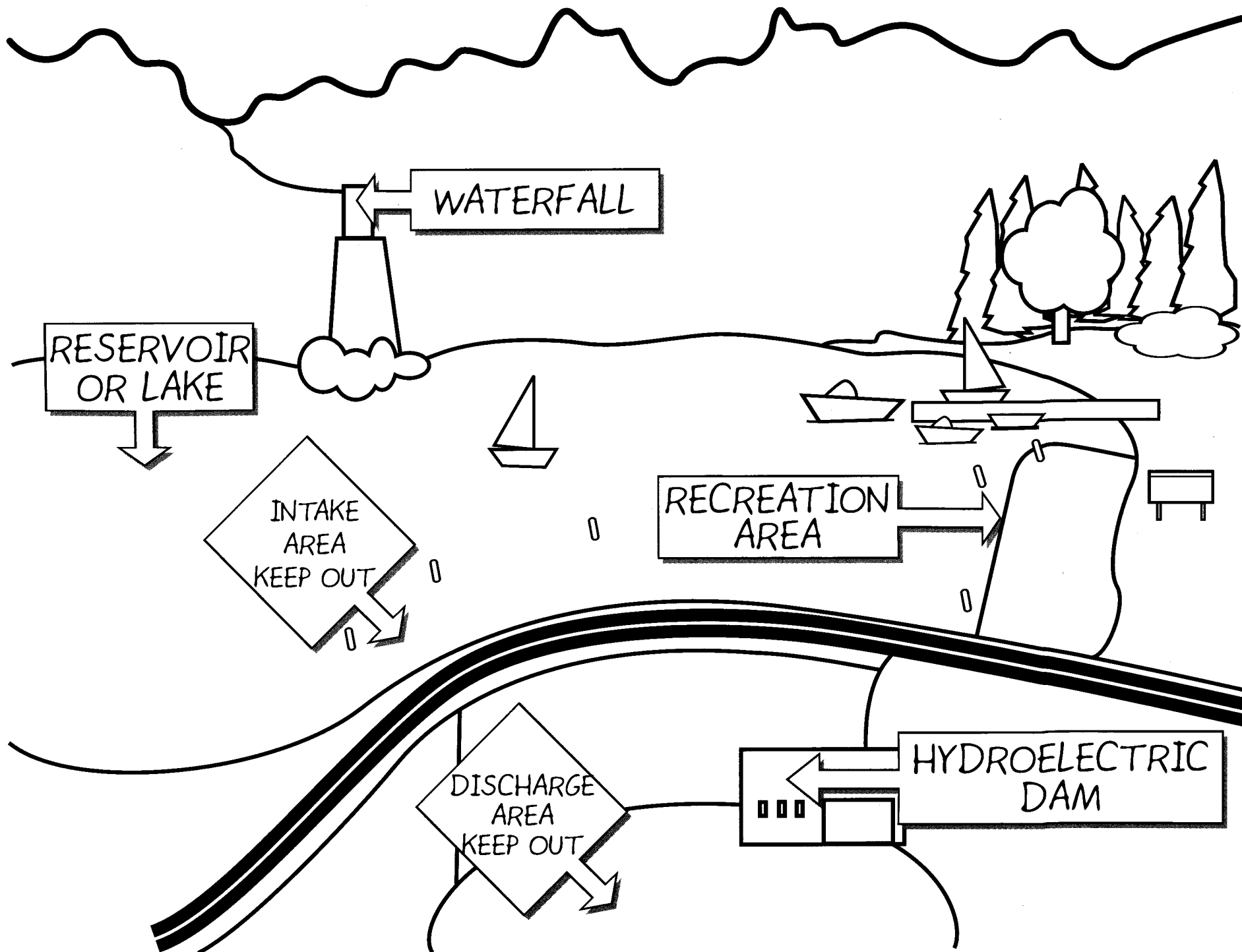
"River water rushes strong  
turning turbines  
currents can  
churn and bubble,  
Don't go wrong  
Follow the rules  
around a dam."

Water from a dam is channeled to flow  
over the blades of a shaft, causing the  
shaft to turn. The turning motion of the  
shaft is then converted into electricity  
by the generator.





Color the Path  
of the River



I knew you could do it!  
Safe Passage!

Don't try to move!  
You're buried in sand.  
We'll get you out!



Cut out Wanda's Compass and Paste it on Your Certificate!



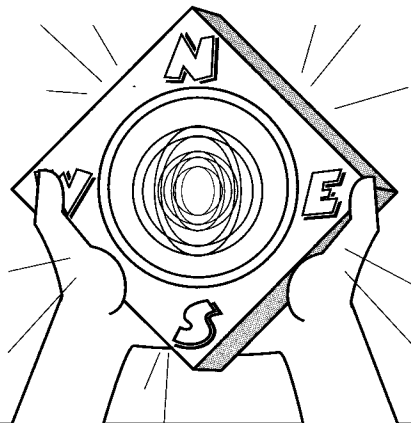
# WORD SEARCH

Ahoy, matey!  
My name's Scully.  
The more you know  
about boats the  
safer you will be.



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I	U	Y	T	R	E	S	A	I	L	B	O	A	R	D	W	Q	T

## The Compass Reveals a Riddle



"To be safe  
while in a boat  
A wise sailor never stands.  
Pick the best craft  
to stay afloat.  
Obey the captain's  
safety commands.

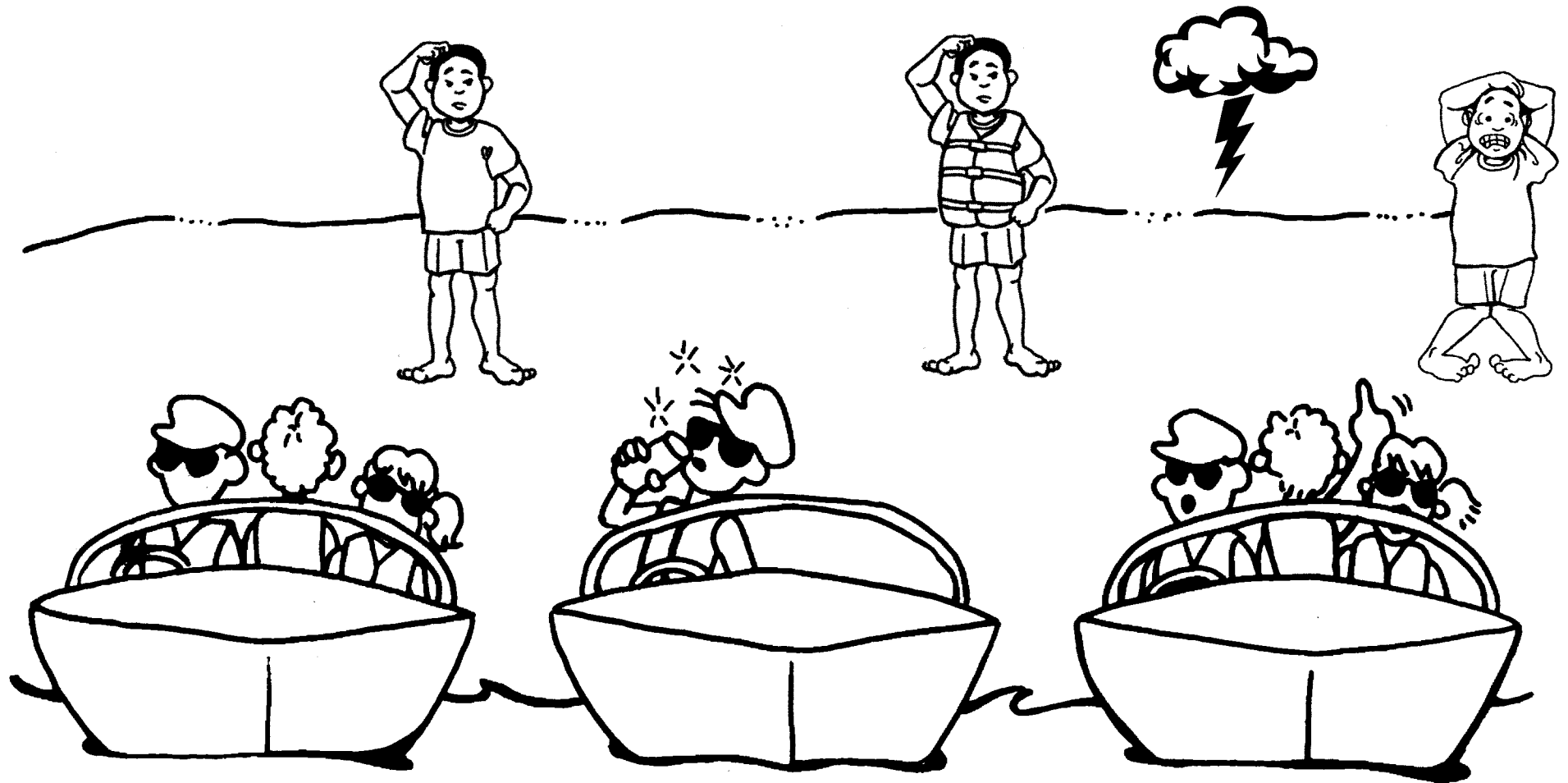
Find the boating words hidden in this puzzle.  
Look forwards, backwards, up and down.

### WORDS

BUOY	LIFEJACKET	SAILBOAT
CANOE	OR	SIGNAL
CRUISER	PERSONAL	SKIING
FISHING	WATERCRAFT	SPEEDBOAT
FLAG	PONTOON	UTILITY
HOUSEBOAT	RUNABOUT	YACHT
INFLATABLE	SAILBOARD	



# SHOULD YOU GET

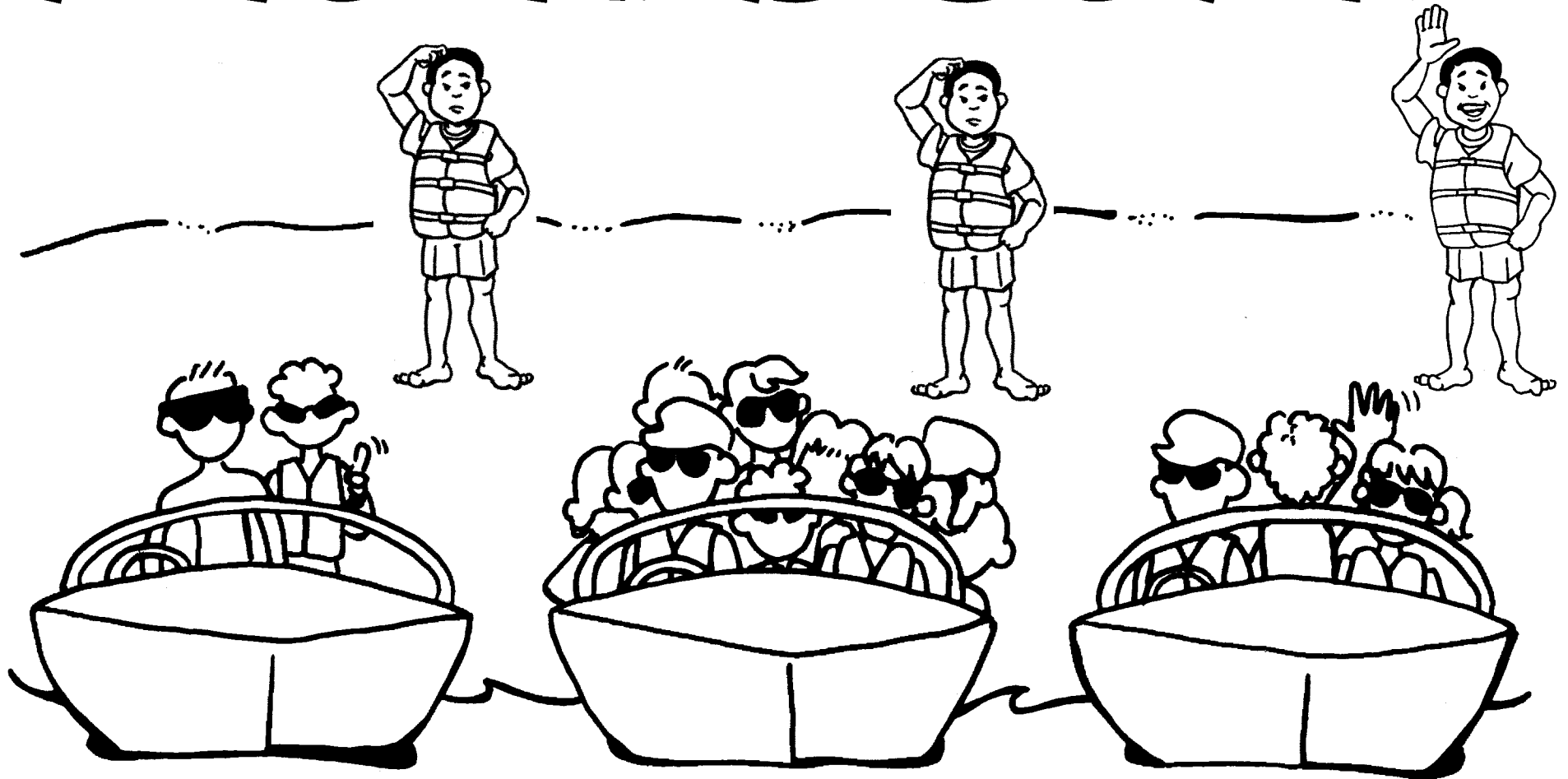


No! You  
are not  
wearing  
your  
life jacket!

No! The operator  
has been drinking  
alcohol. A wise captain  
thinks about his  
passenger's safety first.

No! There is  
dangerous  
weather!  
Get out of the water  
immediately!

# INTO THIS BOAT?



No! These  
guys are  
too young  
to operate  
a boat!

No! This boat is  
already too crowded.  
Too many  
passengers make  
a boat unsafe.

This boat has life jackets  
for everyone and a  
responsible operator.  
Go ahead,  
have a great time!

You're right  
on course.  
Safe Passage!

Personal Watercraft  
are fast and fun.  
But I bet you're wondering  
"How do I stop this crazy thing?"

Let  
go of the  
throttle

It's the  
PWC's  
gas pedal

Pull  
the cutoff  
lanyard

This stops the engine  
if you fall off the PWC

Push  
the STOP  
button

On this PWC,  
it's under  
your thumb

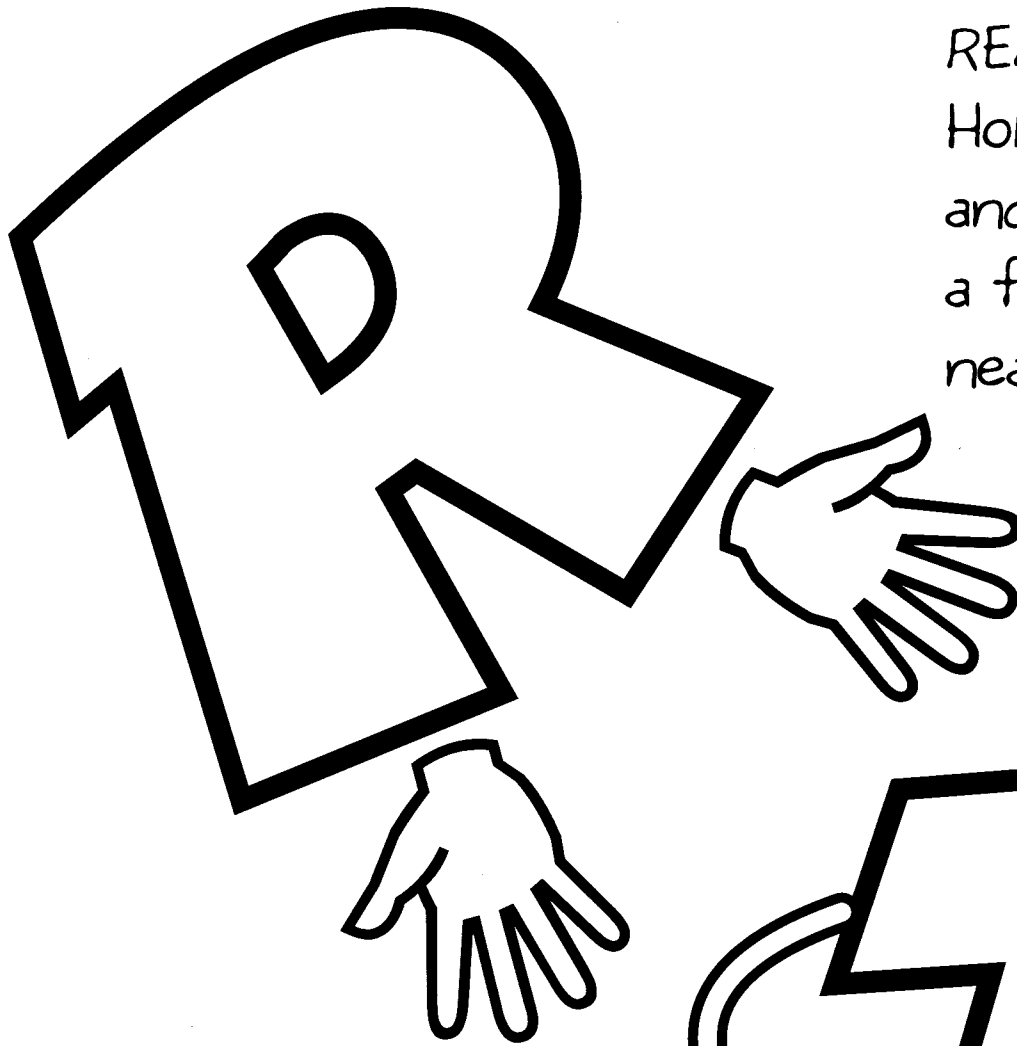
Here's Scully's Compass!





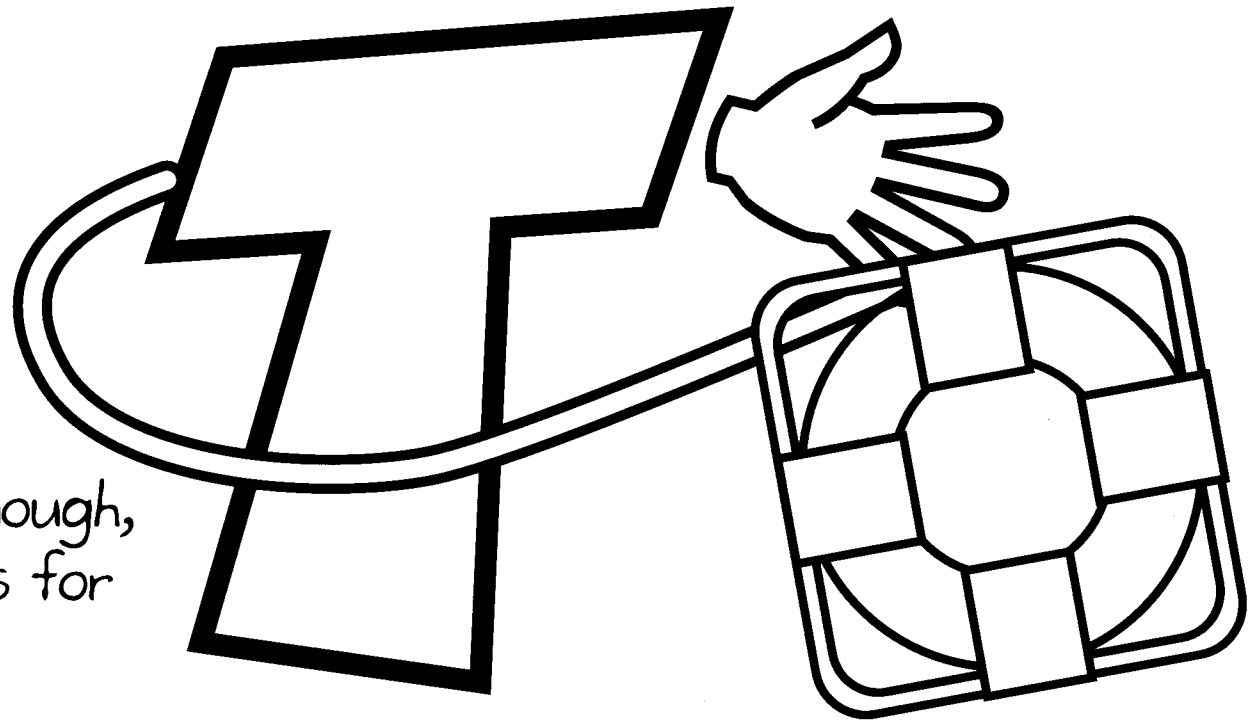
## REACH

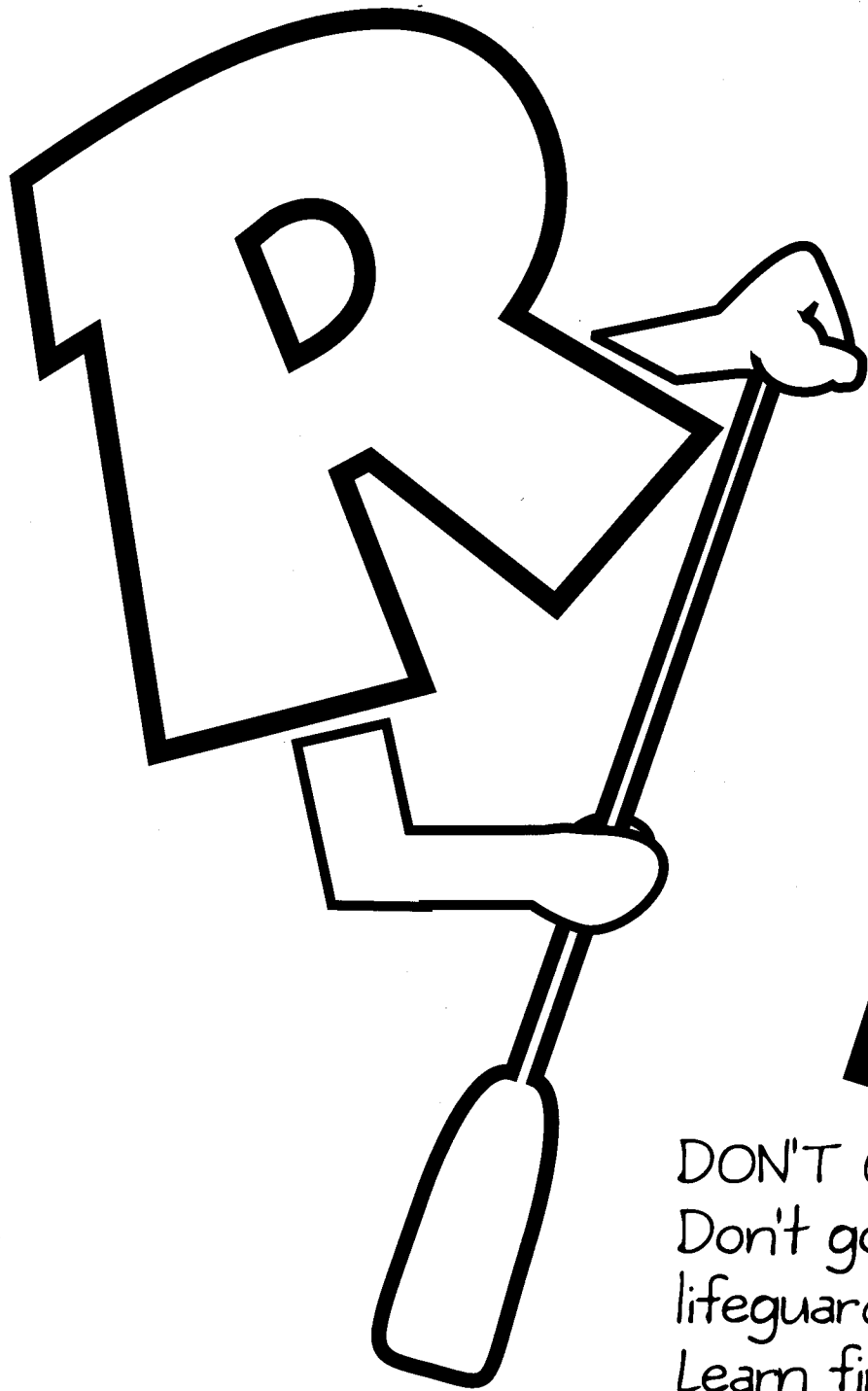
Hold on to the dock or your boat and reach your hand, a boat oar, a fishing pole, or whatever is nearby to the person in the water.



## THROW

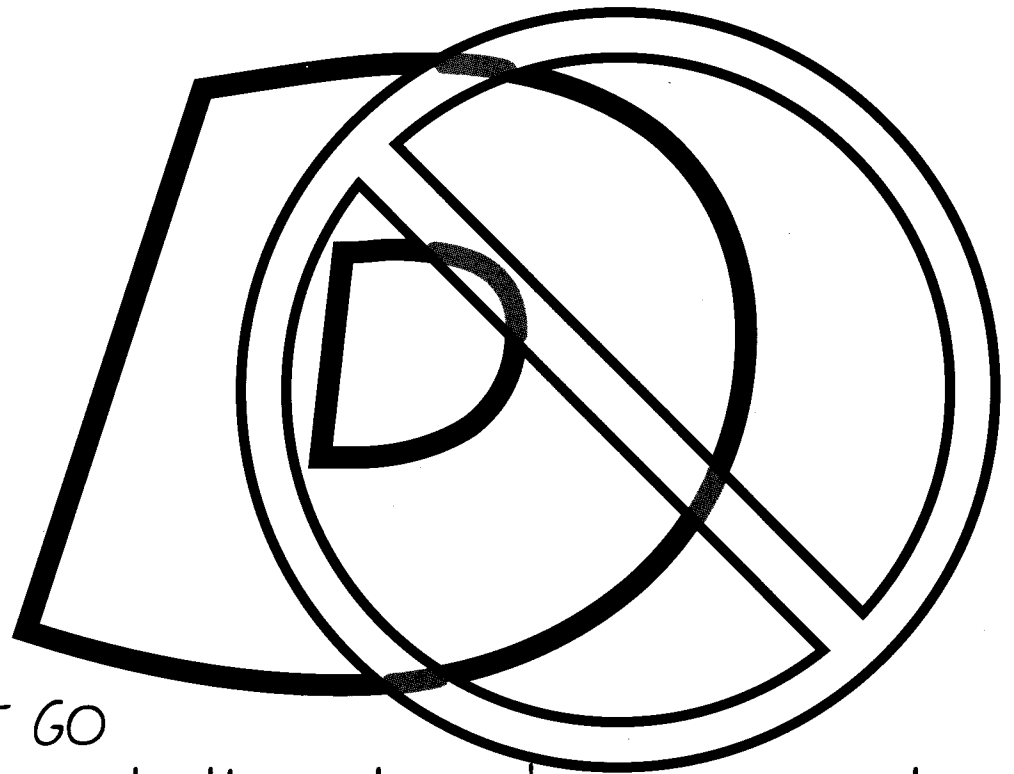
If you can't reach far enough, toss something that floats for the person to grab.





## ROW

If you are in a boat, use the oars to move the boat closer to the person in the water or call out to a nearby boat for help. Don't use the boat's motor near a person in the water.



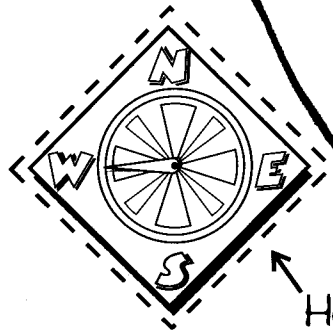
## DON'T GO

Don't go into the water unless you are a trained lifeguard. Yell for help. Call 911 for assistance. Learn first aid for drowning and hypothermia.

You don't need  
my help anymore!  
Safe Passage!

Whoa! We're  
back home!

Just in time for the annual  
lakeshore cleanup!  
We volunteer every year!



Here's Sam's Compass! Now You Have Them All!



We love to go swimming in the summer because the water cools us down. But it's really dangerous to get too cold!

# DON'T LET THE COLD GET TO YOU!

Dress in Layers and put on Raingear before you get wet.



If you fall into the water, your PFD will keep you warmer and afloat.



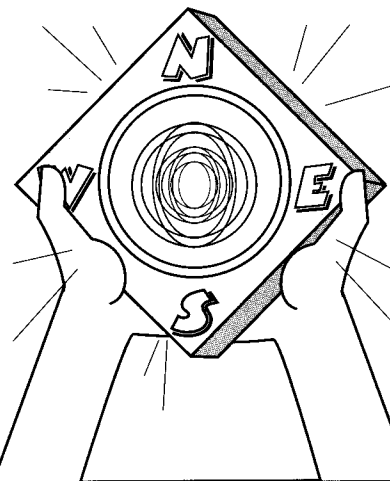
If you start to shiver, get warm, dry, and out of the wind immediately!



H.E.L.P.  
Heat  
Escape  
Lessening  
Posture

Anyone exposed to cold water must see a doctor right away!

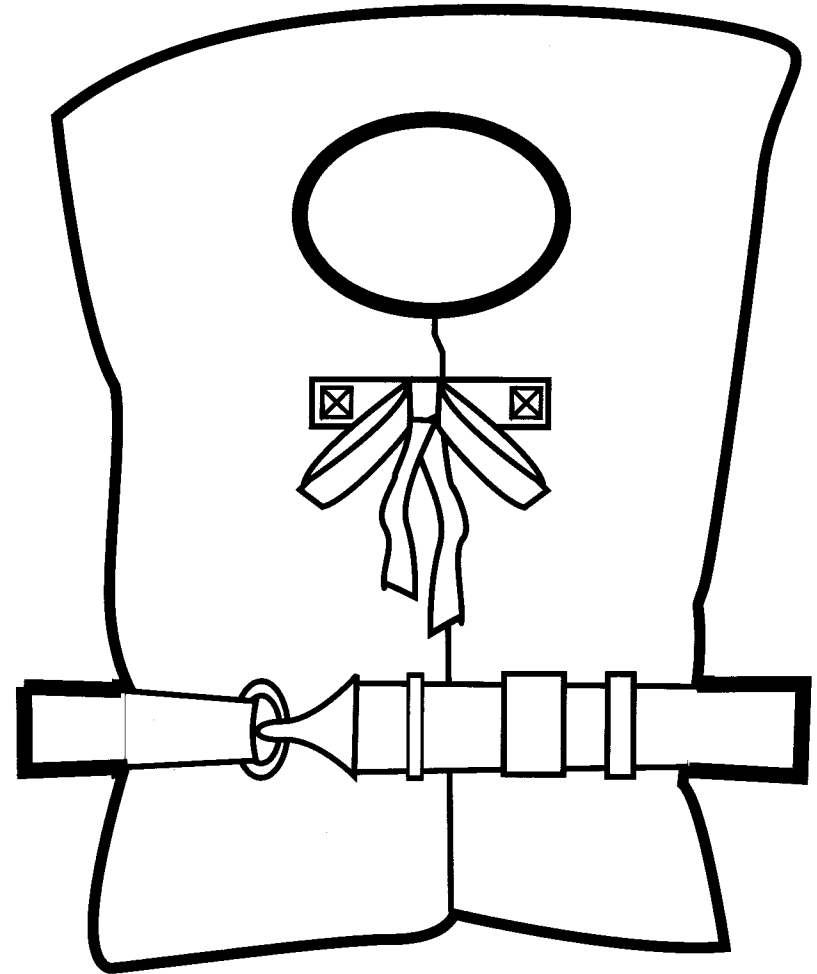
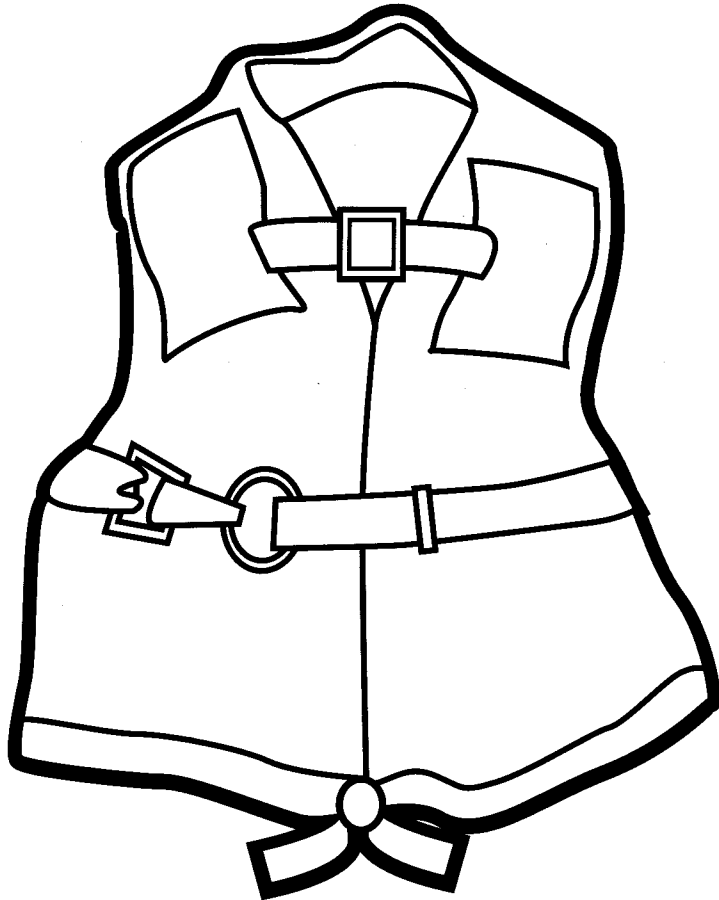
## The Compass Reveals a Riddle



"The beaches may be empty but the beauty is still there. Explore the world of nature and be sure to take care. Learn where danger lies when temperatures go down and you'll enjoy the out-of-doors all the year-around!"

# DESIGN YOUR OWN

Type I (Off-Shore Life Jacket)  
Best flotation for open, rough  
or remote waters. Turns most  
unconscious wearers face-up  
in the water.



Type II (Near-Shore Buoyant Vest)  
Good for calm, inland waters. This vest  
will turn most unconscious wearers  
face-up in water.

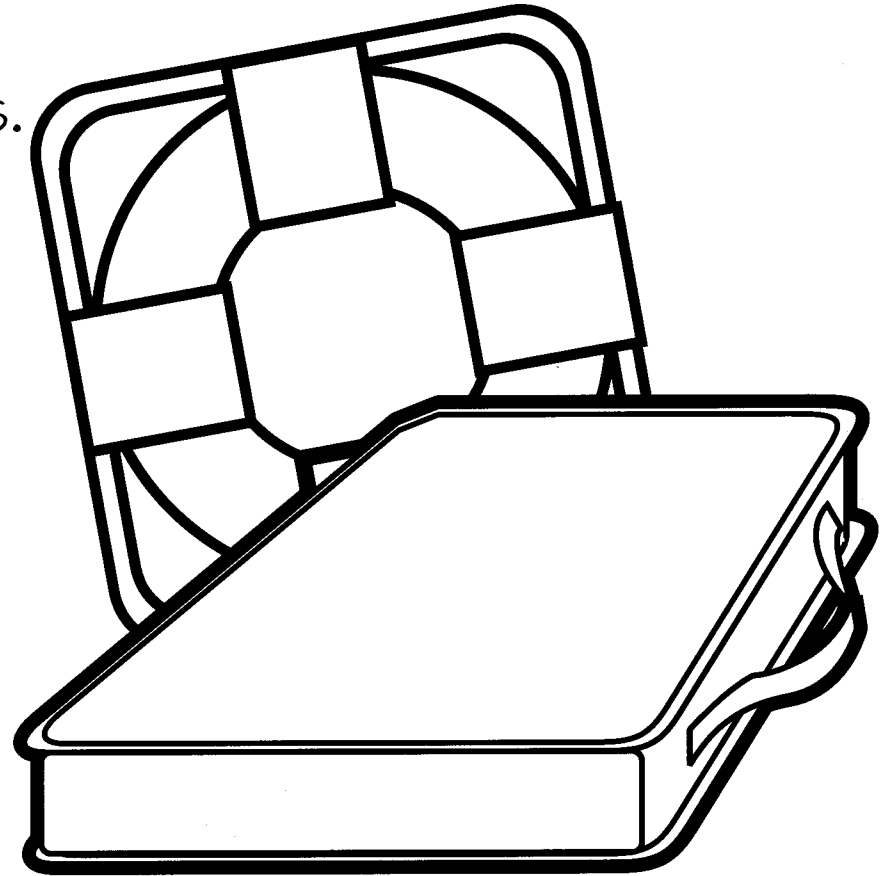
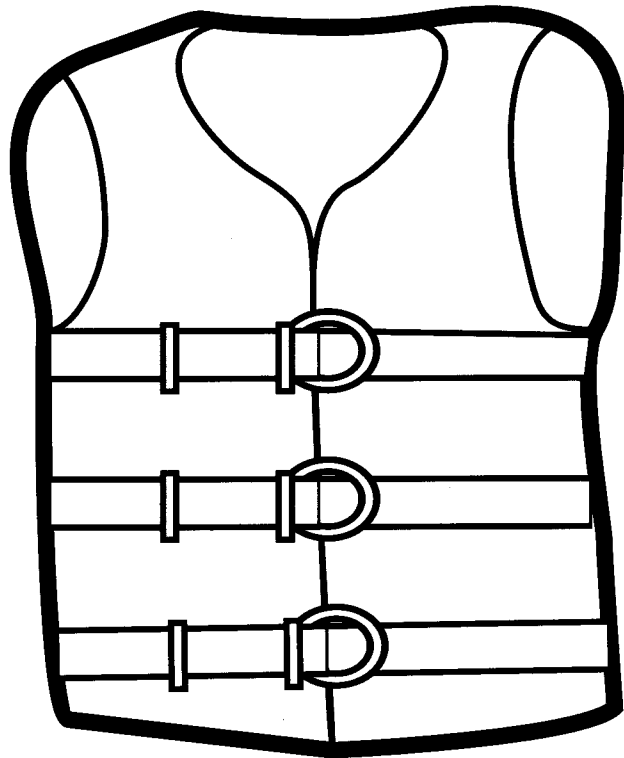
# LIFE JACKET (Personal Flotation Device)

Type III (Flotation Aid)

Good flotation for calm, inland waters.

Generally the most comfortable to wear. Gives freedom of movement.

Not for rough water. Wearer may have to tilt head back to avoid face-down position in water.



Type IV (Throwable Device)

Good back-up to wearable life jacket.

Some can be used as seat cushions.

Not for unconscious persons or non-swimmers.



## SWIMMING RULES

A. 5    B. 4    C. 2    D. 1    E. 6    F. 3

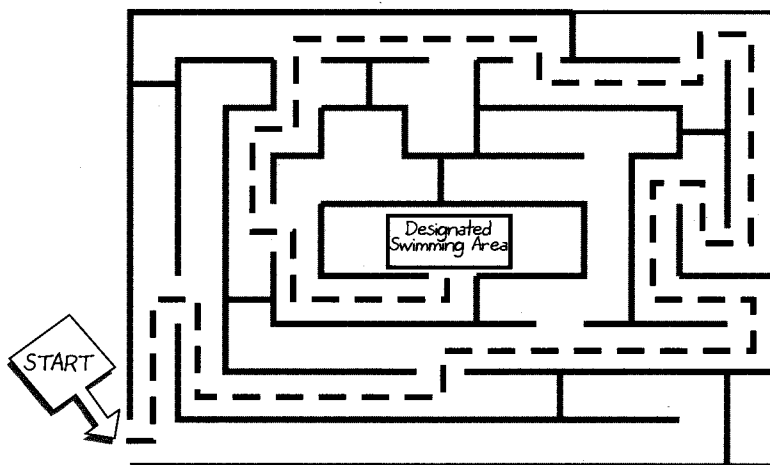
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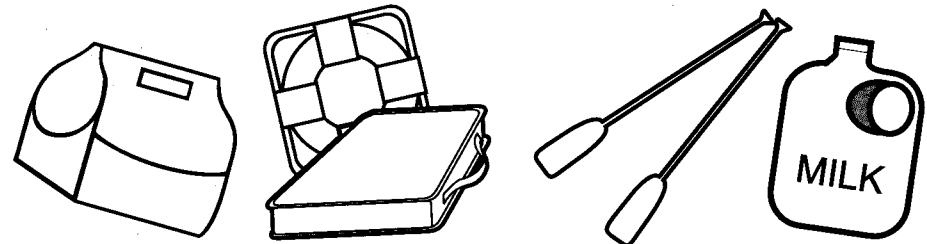
Find the Match

Numbers 2 and 8

Find the way to the safe swimming spot:



WHICH ONES FLOAT?



Color, cut out and use these Safe Passage Bookmarks





## SAM SAYS

**"IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WERE WEARING YOUR PFD!"**

Follow the message:

MAYN  
Y E  
O E  
U D TO  
NEHW R  
W O N  
Y O N  
U K C  
NEVER U  
ENOEMOS E

You never know when you may need to rescue someone.



## SCULLY SAYS

**"REMEMBER THE RIDDLE!"**

Fill in the missing vowels:

B \_ \_ TS  
\_ R \_  
N \_ T  
T \_ YS!

**A E I O U**

Boats are not toys!



## WANDA SAYS

**"YOU HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER."**

Read Wanda's message backwards:

GNILRIWS  
RETAW  
NAC  
KCUS  
EHT  
EFIL  
TUO  
FO  
UOY!

Swirling water can suck the life out of you!



## TOPHER SAYS

**"SAFE PASSAGE, LITTLE DUDES!"**

Make an Acrostic from Topher's name

T \_\_\_\_\_  
O \_\_\_\_\_  
P \_\_\_\_\_  
H \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_  
R \_\_\_\_\_





## **TOPHER'S RULES**

### **FOR SAFE SWIMMING**

Learn to swim.

Always swim with a buddy.

Swim in a designated area and make sure an adult watches you.

Wear a life jacket if you can't swim or if you are just learning to swim.

An inflatable air mattress or swim ring does not take the place of a life jacket.

Don't swim in cold water.

Swimmers can get hypothermia (dangerously low body temperature) in cold water.

Never dive or jump into unknown waters.

No drugs or alcohol.

Obey all "No Swimming" and other warning signs.

Never swim in a canal.



## **WANDA'S RULES**

### **AROUND DAMS, RIVERS & CANALS**

Never boat just above or just below a dam. Do not go past buoys, signs, ropes or lights that warn of a dam. Don't boat or paddle near a low level dam.

Stay away from canals -- currents and undertows hide beneath the surface.

Remember that rivers can have strong currents and hidden dangers beneath the surface.

Some rivers have waterfalls: the water drops hundreds of feet.

Watch out for rapids or whitewater.

Watch out for fallen trees and broken limbs in a river.

Remember that cold water can cause hypothermia.



## **SCULLY'S TIPS**

### **FOR BOATING SAFETY**

Know your boat -- each boat has its own purpose. Make sure you use your boat correctly.

Always wear a life jacket while riding on a boat.

Make sure an adult is operating the boat.

Don't go on the boat if the operator has been drinking alcohol.

Ride a Personal Watercraft only with an experienced adult driver.

Don't stand while a small boat is moving.

Don't sit on the gunwale or bow of a moving boat.

Know your state's laws governing boating and fishing.



## **SAM'S GUIDELINES**

### **FOR WATER RESCUE**

Remember the four steps to water rescue:

**Reach, Throw, Row, Don't Go**

**Reach:** Hold on to the dock or your boat and reach your hand, a boat oar, a fishing pole, or whatever you have nearby to the person in the water.

**Throw:** If you can't reach far enough, toss things that will float for the person to grab.

**Row:** If you're in a boat, use the oars to move the boat closer to the person in the water or call out to a nearby boat for help. Don't use the boat's motor close to a person in the water; they could be injured by the propeller.

**Don't Go:** Don't go into the water unless you are trained the way life guards are trained to rescue frightened or injured people. Yell for help.

If you call 911, stay calm and give your exact location. WS-00-05